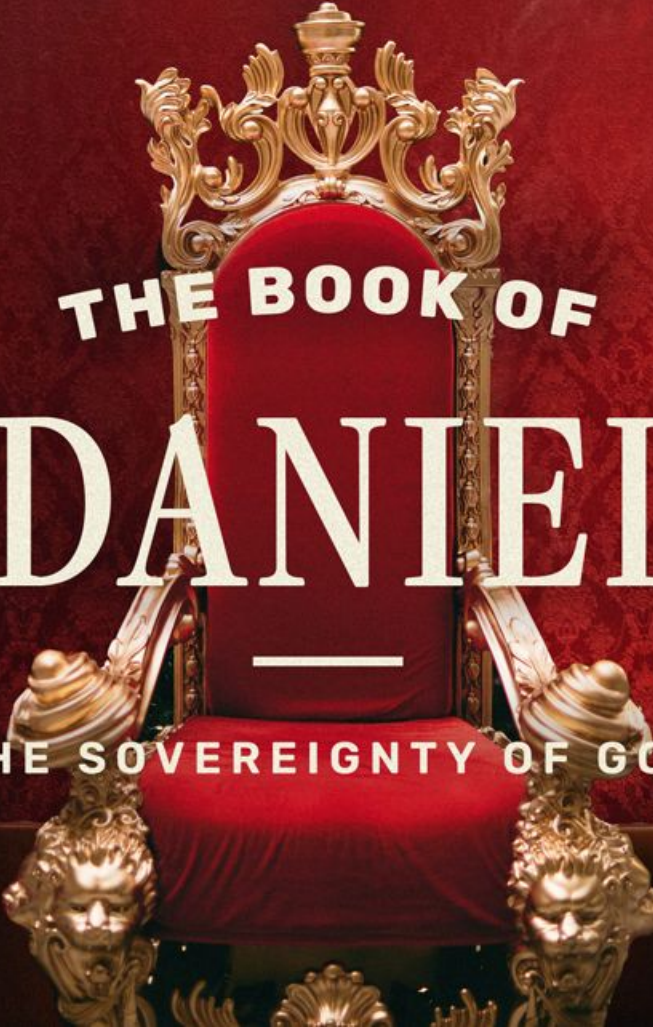




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PRINCES & PRINCIPALITIES

⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month,
as I was standing on the bank of the great
river, the Tigris, ⁵ I looked up and there before
me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of
fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His
body was like topaz, his face like lightning,
his eyes like flaming torches,

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his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude. ⁷ I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision;

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I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. ⁹ Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground. ¹⁰ A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹ He said, “Daniel, you who are highly esteemed,

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consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² Then he continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself

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before your God, your words were heard,
and I have come in response to them.

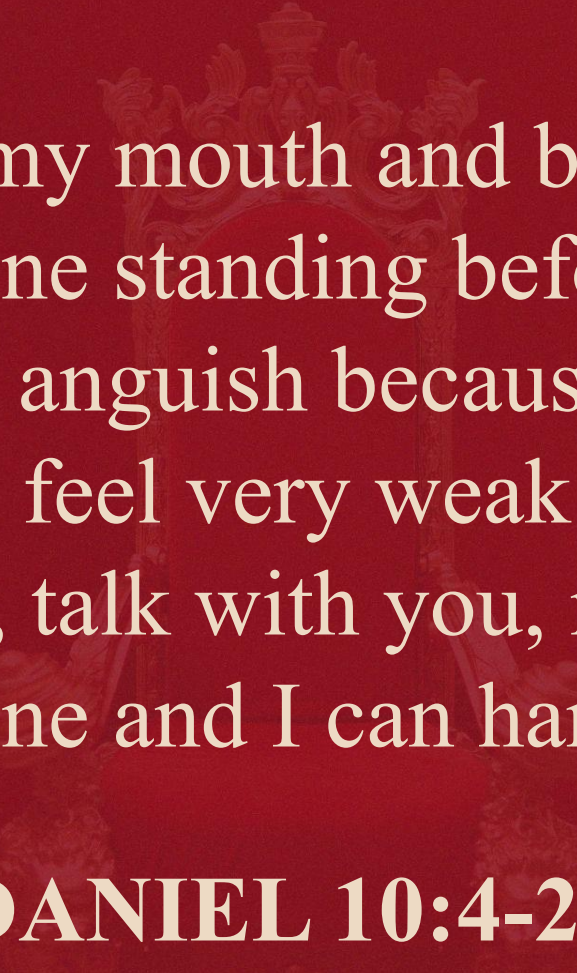
¹³ But the prince of the Persian kingdom
resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael,
one of the chief princes, came to help me,
because I was detained there with the king
of Persia.

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¹⁴ Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”

¹⁵ While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. ¹⁶ Then one who looked like a man touched my lips,

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and I opened my mouth and began to speak.
I said to the one standing before me, “I am
overcome with anguish because of the vision,
my lord, and I feel very weak. ¹⁷ How can I,
your servant, talk with you, my lord? My
strength is gone and I can hardly breathe.”

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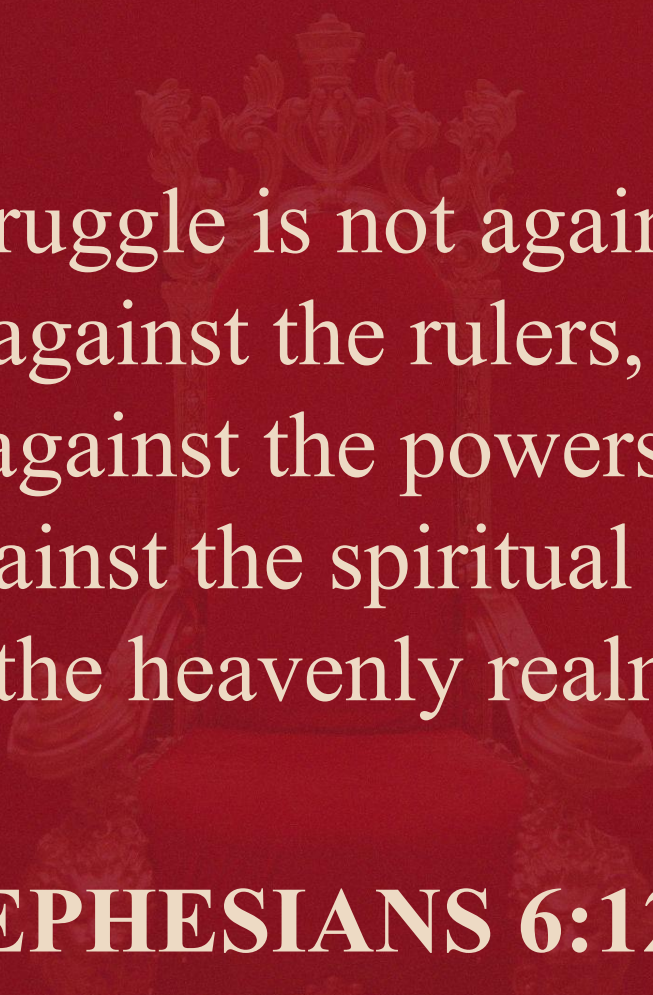
¹⁸ Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. ¹⁹ “Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,” he said. “Peace! Be strong now; be strong.” When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.”

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²⁰ So he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; ²¹ but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.)

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**Just because we cannot see it,
does not mean it does not exist.**

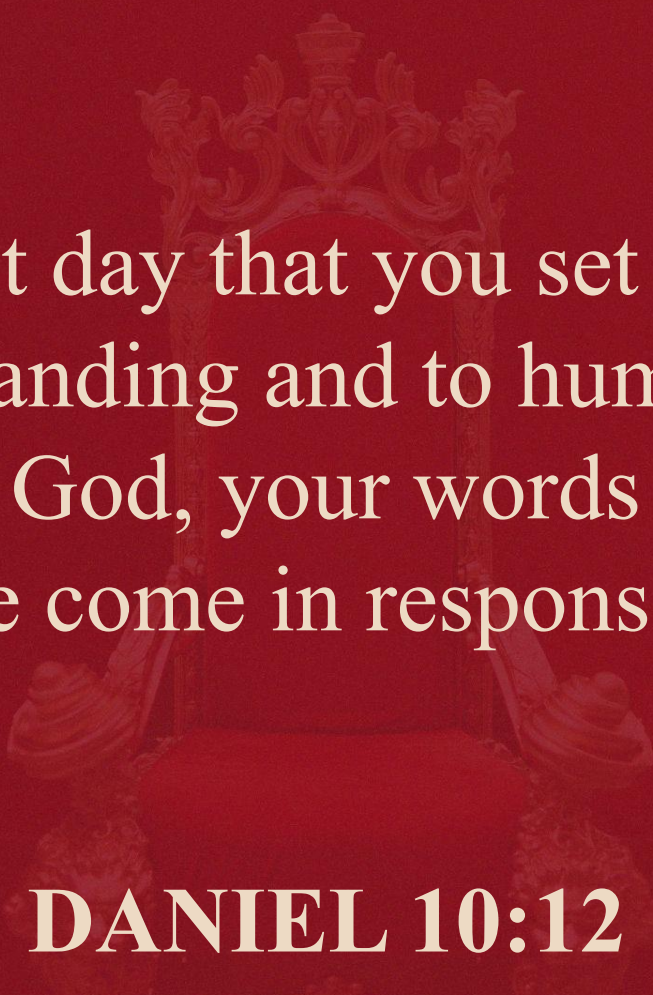


¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

EPHESIANS 6:12

**Christ is wiser and higher
than any spiritual power
in the heavenly realms.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

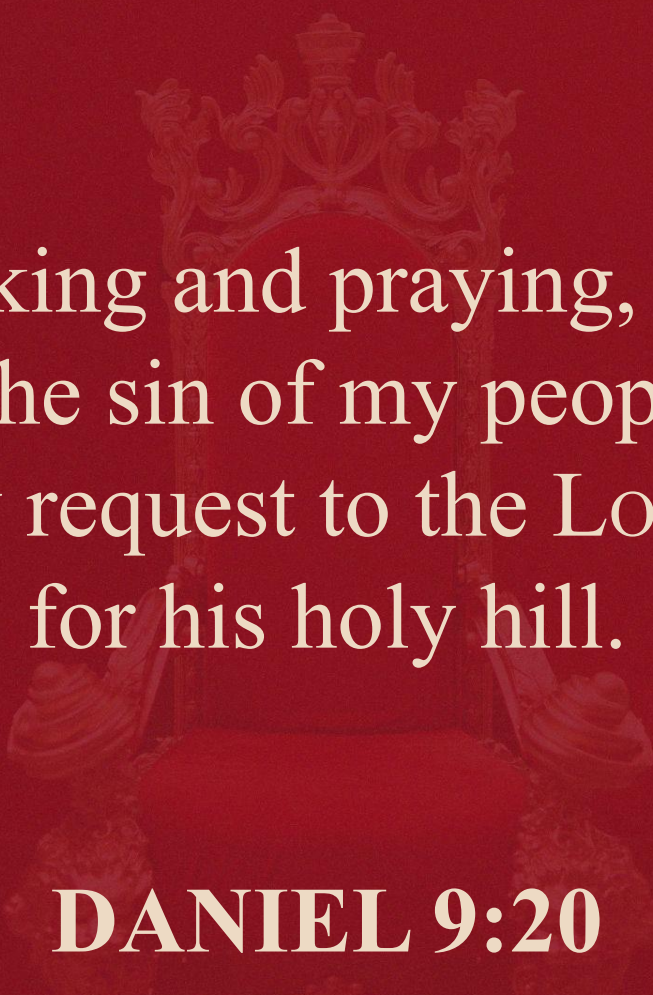


Since the first day that you set your mind to
gain understanding and to humble yourself
before your God, your words were heard,
and I have come in response to them.

DANIEL 10:12

I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. ³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

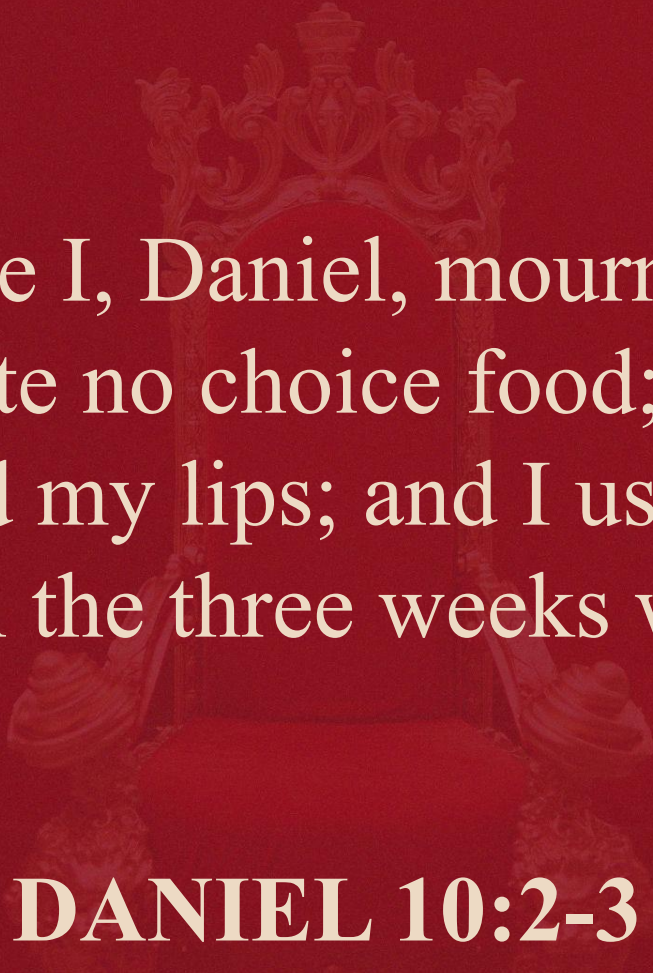
DANIEL 9:23



I was speaking and praying, confessing
my sin and the sin of my people Israel and
making my request to the LORD my God
for his holy hill.

DANIEL 9:20

**Intercessory prayer is
Christo-centered prayer.
Ultimately, Jesus is the
answer to the problem!**

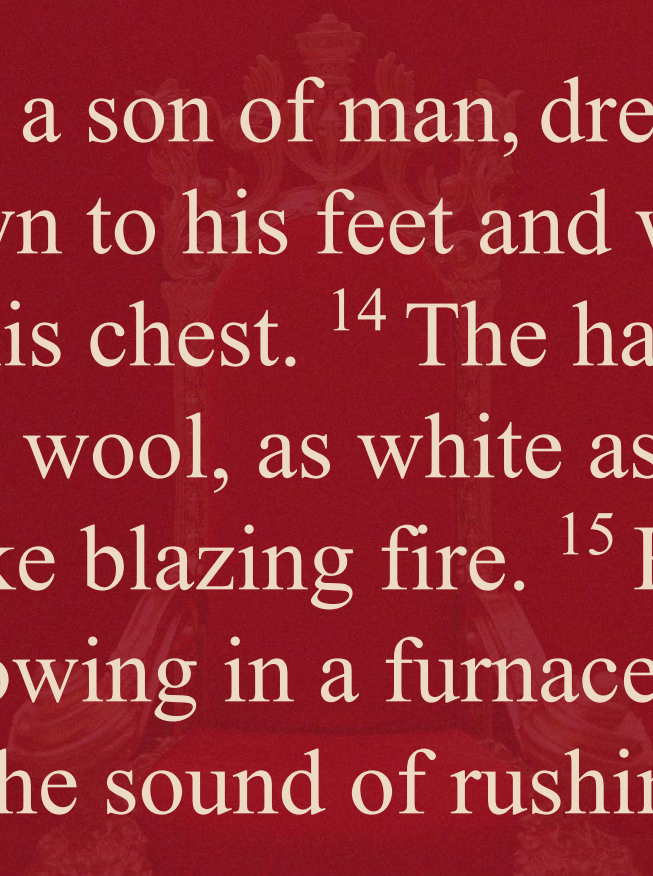


² At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. ³ I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

DANIEL 10:2-3

I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

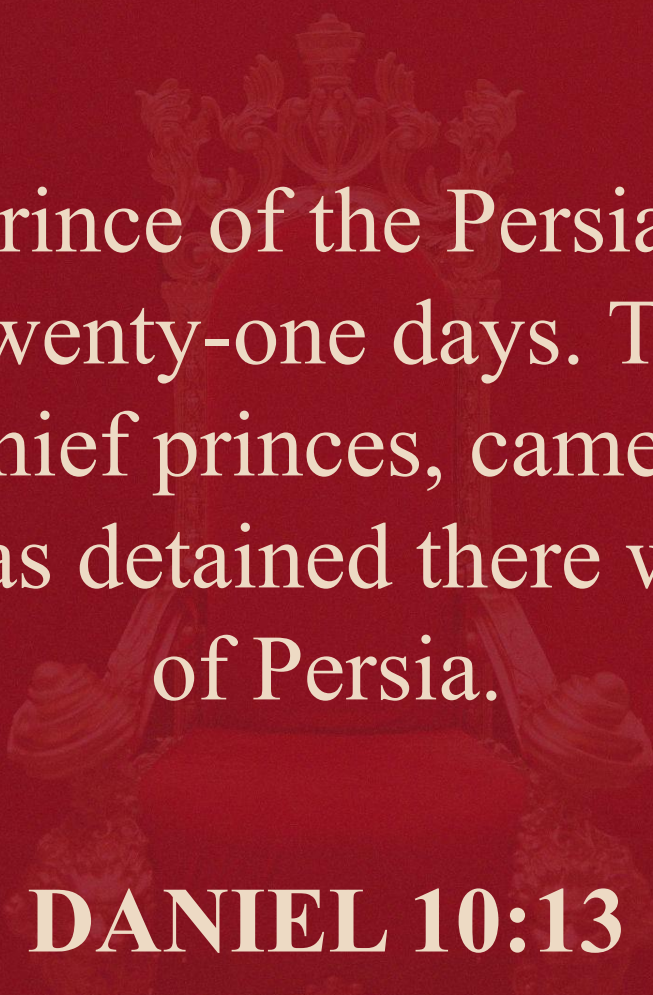
DANIEL 10:5-6



Someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

REVELATION 1:13-15

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



¹³ But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

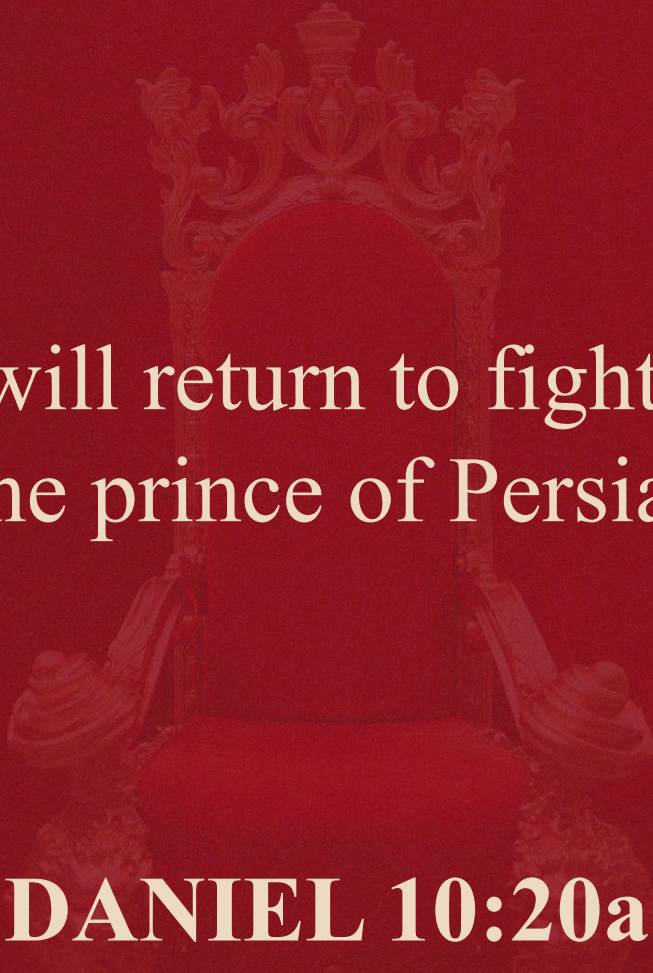
DANIEL 10:13

When we pray on earth and things do not always happen as expected, it is not because God is undecided on the matter.

**We learn that there can be
spiritual resistance to the
delivery of God's answer.**

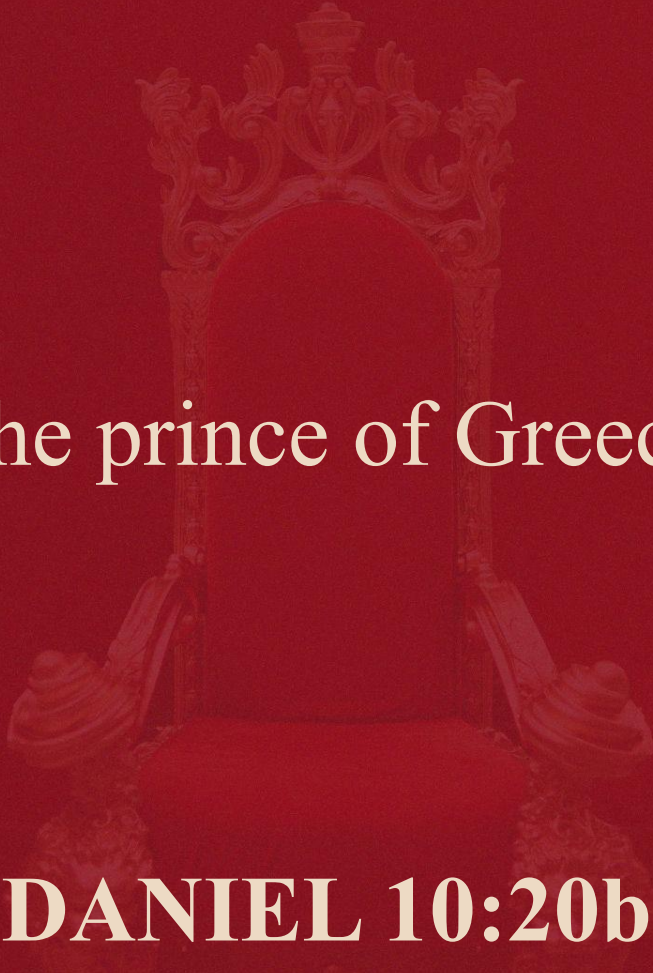
Princes and principalities are not passive. They instead push back and try to delay what God has decreed.

**Do not question God's
omnipotence and stop praying.
Help is on the way!**



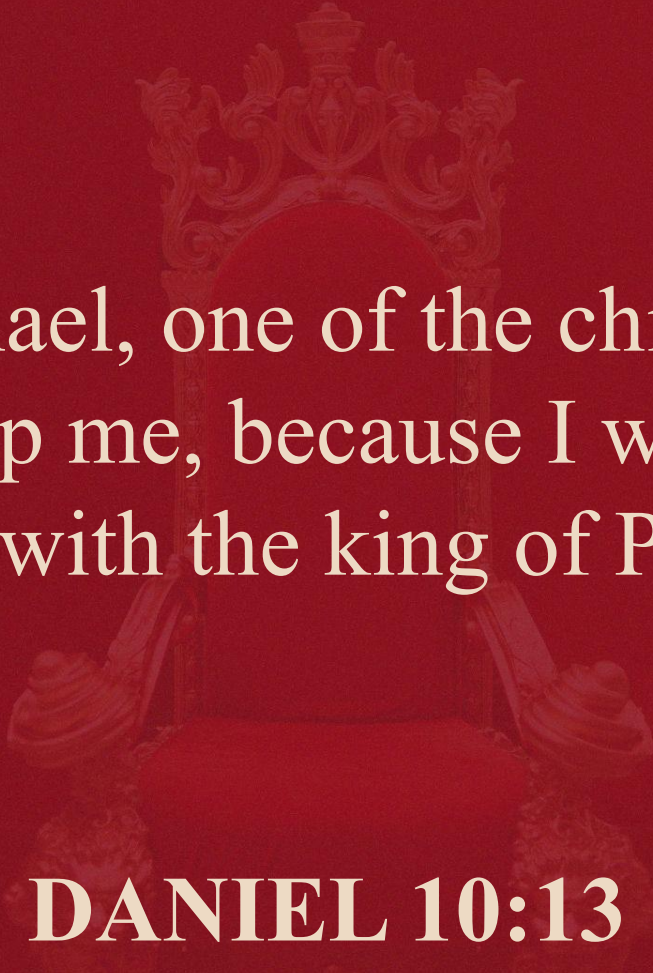
Soon I will return to fight against
the prince of Persia.

DANIEL 10:20a



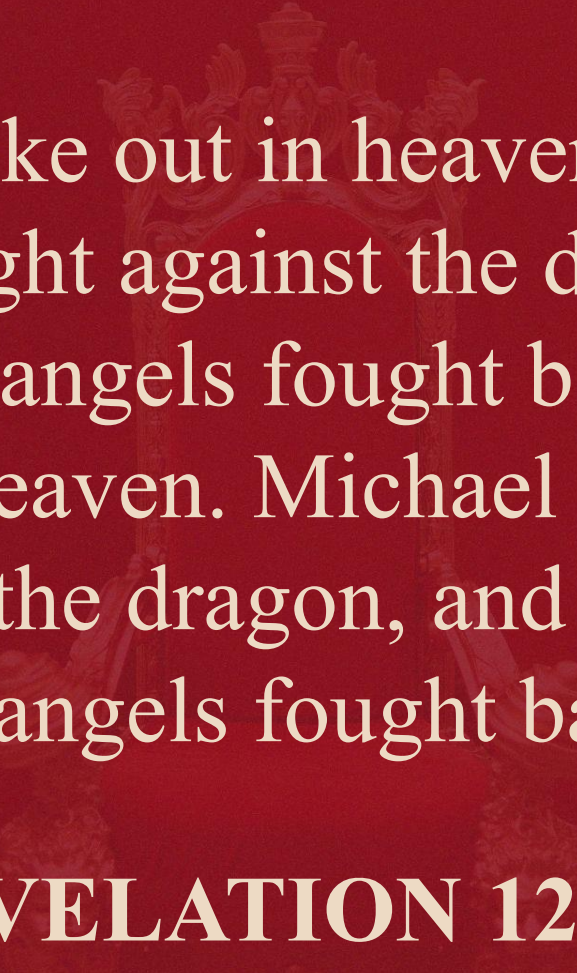
When I go, the prince of Greece will come.

DANIEL 10:20b



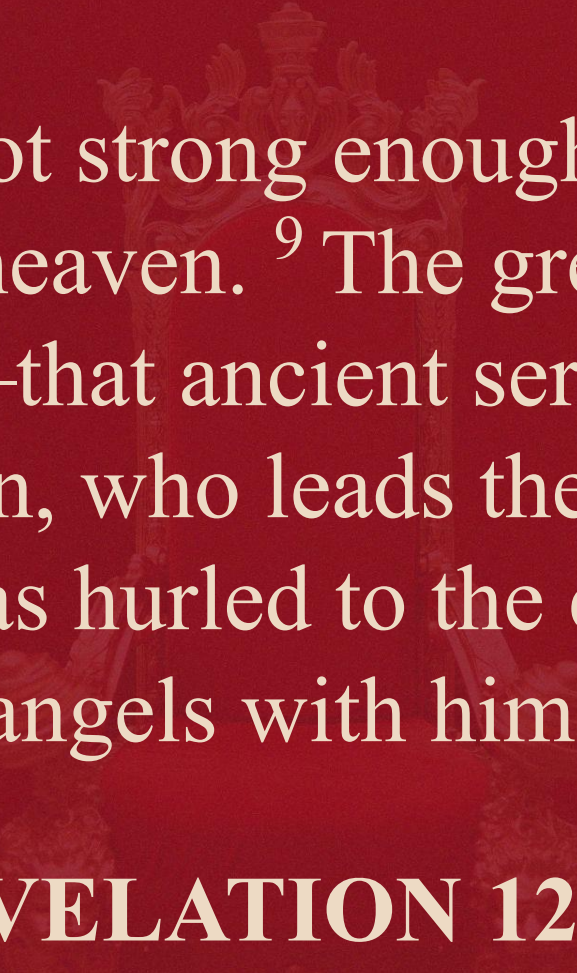
Then Michael, one of the chief princes,
came to help me, because I was detained
there with the king of Persia.

DANIEL 10:13



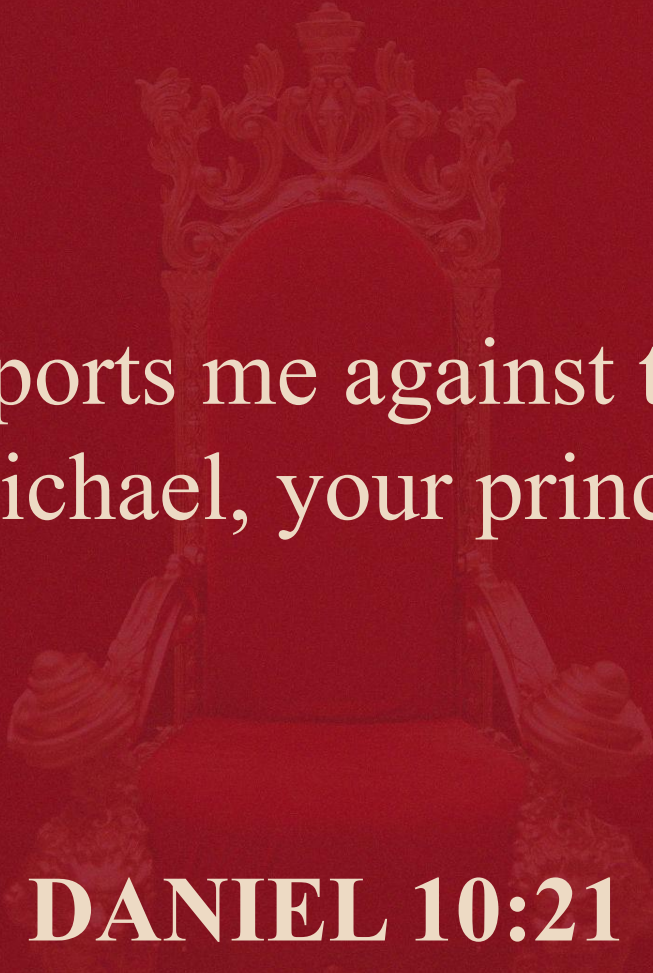
⁷ Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁷ Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.

REVELATION 12:7-9



⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

REVELATION 12:7-9



No one supports me against them except
Michael, your prince.

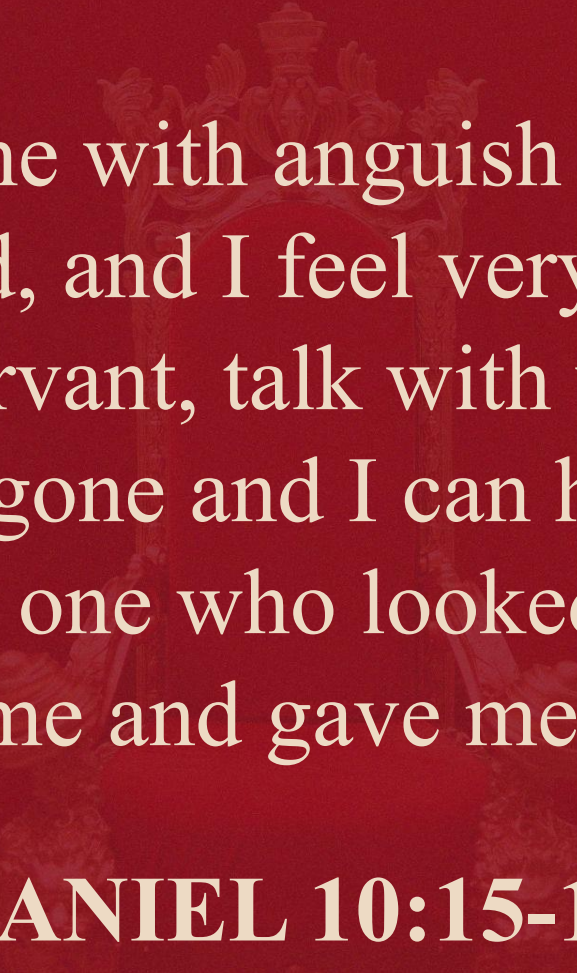
DANIEL 10:21

**Do not call upon archangels!
Call upon the God of
Angel Armies!**

SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH

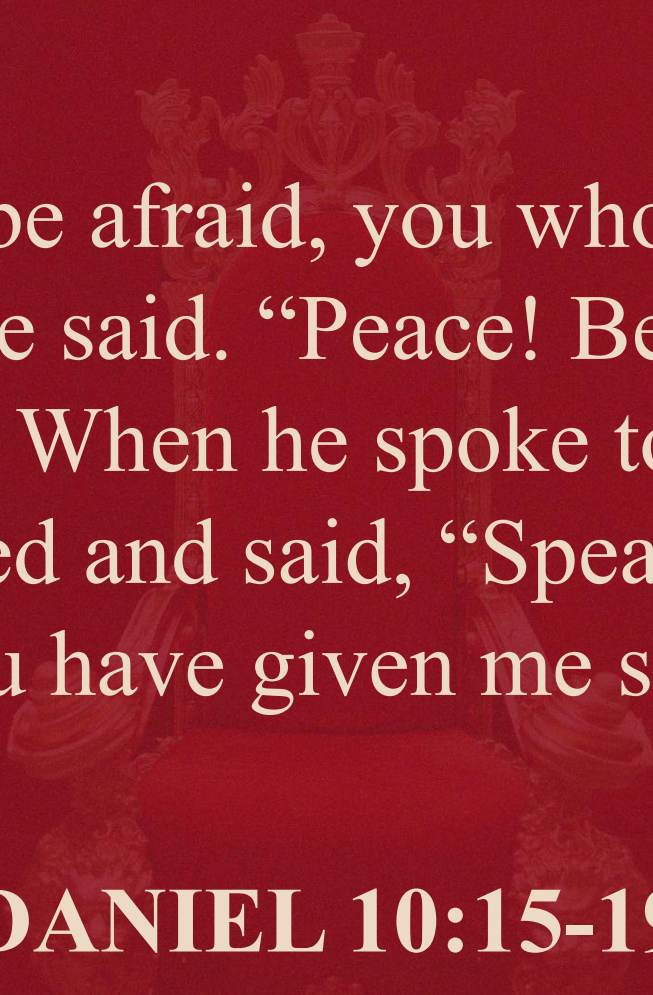
¹⁵ While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. ¹⁶ Then one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak. I said to the one standing before me,

DANIEL 10:15-19



“I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I feel very weak. ¹⁷ How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe.”
¹⁸ Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength.

DANIEL 10:15-19



¹⁹ “Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,” he said. “Peace! Be strong now; be strong.” When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.”

DANIEL 10:15-19

He was speechless (vs. 15)

He was overcome with anguish (vs. 16a)

He was very weak (vs. 16b)

His strength was gone (vs. 17a)

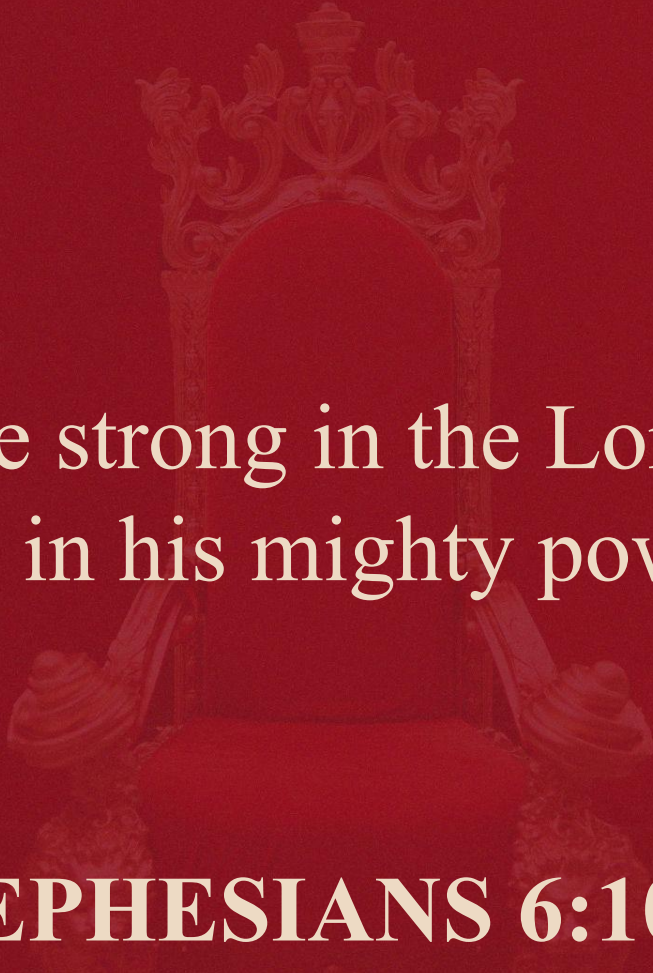
He was unable to breathe (vs. 17b)

Speak! (vs. 16)

Be Strong! (vs. 18-19)

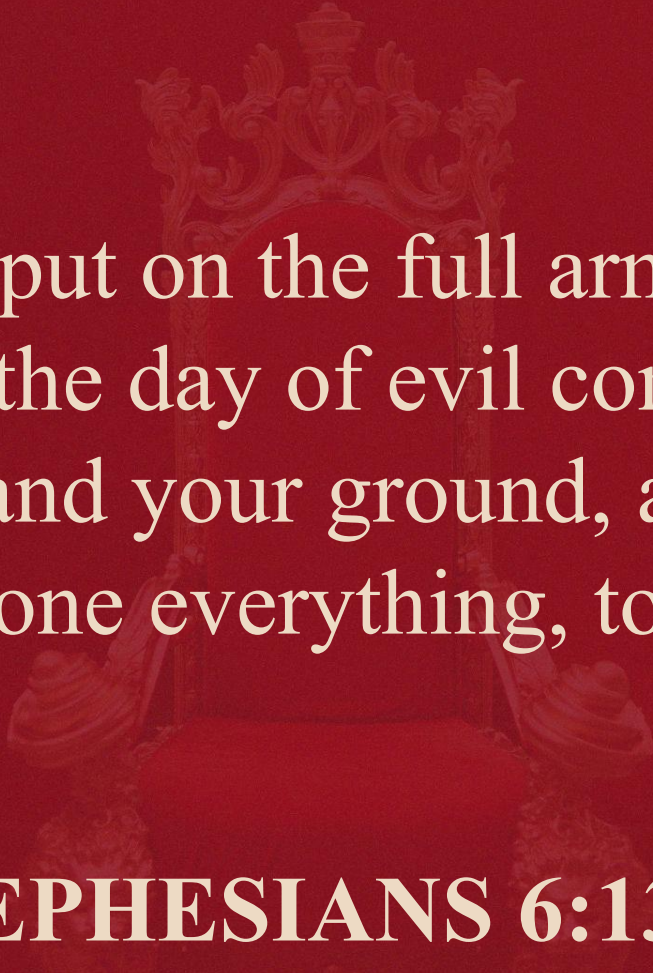
Do not be afraid! (vs. 19a)

Peace! (vs. 19b)



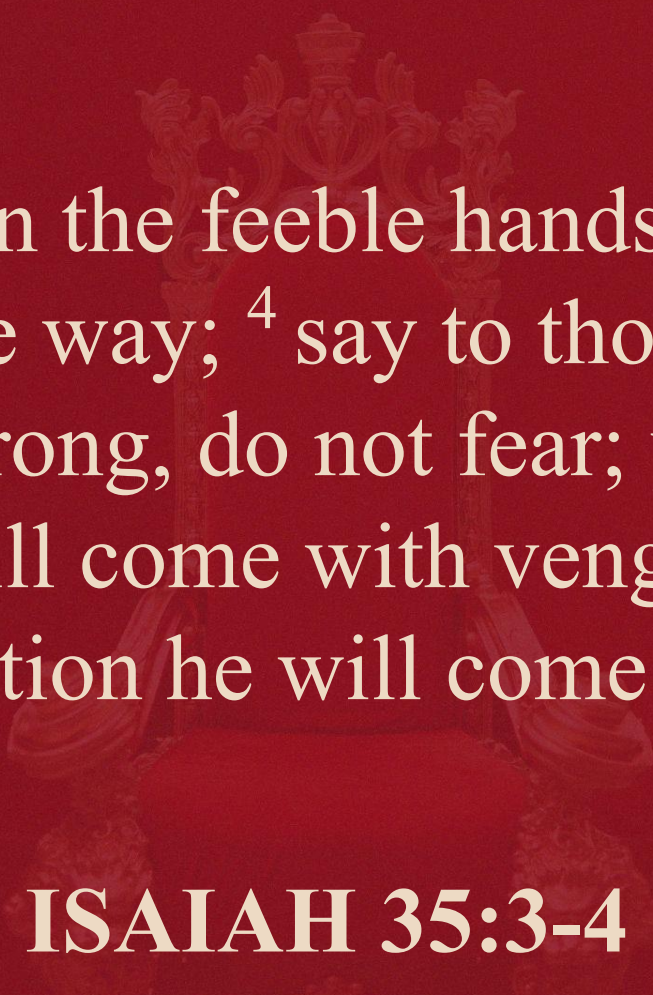
Be strong in the Lord
and in his mighty power.

EPHESIANS 6:10



¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God,
so that when the day of evil comes, you may
be able to stand your ground, and after you
have done everything, to stand.

EPHESIANS 6:13



³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

ISAIAH 35:3-4

God will strengthen you (vs. 3)

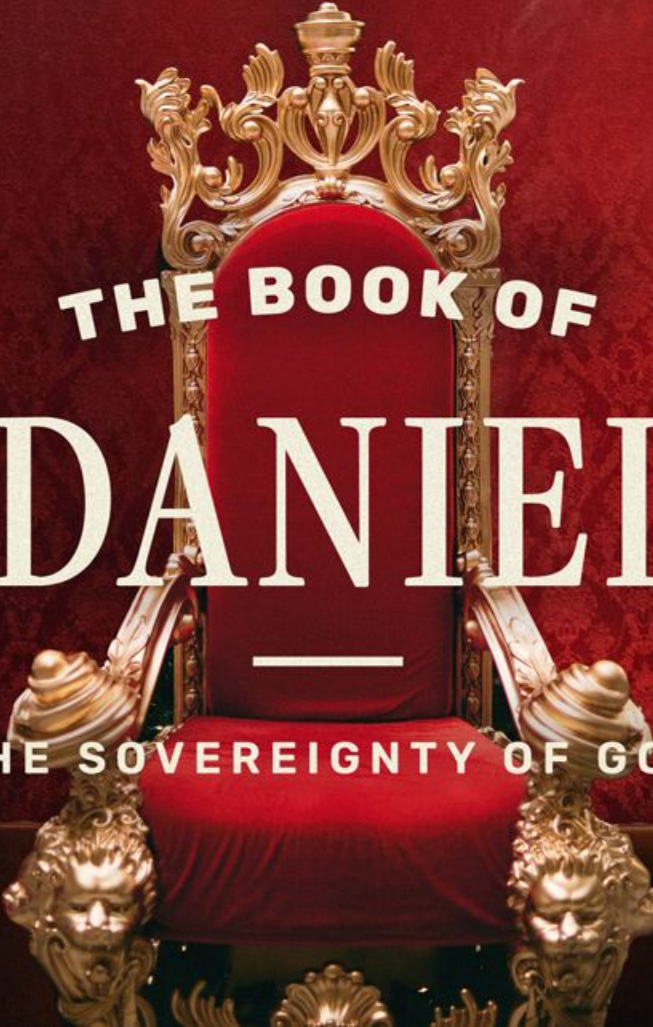
God will steady you (vs. 3)

God will speak to you (vs. 4)

God will save you (vs. 4)

SERMON REVIEW:

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